THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The National Water Development Agency set up in1982, has been carrying out the studies of the National Perspective for water resources development which envisages transfer of water from surplus river basin to scarce basins.

(c) The studies carried out by the Agency are circulated amongst all the concerned State Governments. The comments/observations of State Governments & clarification of the Agency thereon are discussed in the Technical Advisory Committee of National Water Development Agency headed by Chairman, Central Water Commission. The Chief Engineers/ Engineer-in-Chief in charge of Irrigation/Water Resources department of the concerned basin States are special invitees with the status of members. Thus the concerned states are duly associated with the studies carried out by the Agency. Out of 36 water transfer links prefeasibility studies have been completed so far for 20 links.

(d) The States who are represented in the Technical Advisory Committee are Utrar Pradesh, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Kerala, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Orissa, Karnataka, Punjab Haryana, Bihar, West Bengal and Assam.

Irrigation projects affected in Orissa

8489. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the irrigation projects affected due to heavy rain in Orissa;

(b) the date by which those projects are expected to be renovated;

(c) the funds sanctioned therefor;

(d) the steps taken in that direction; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The irrigation projects affected due to heavy rains in Orissa are:—Baghuda, Dhanei, Ghodahada, Bahuda, Harbhangi, Jayamangal, Daha, Rishikulya, Hiradharbati, Kuanria, Dahuka, Budhabudhiani Salia, Delta Stage-I, Delta Stage-II, Salandi Orissa Canal and Anandpur Barrage Irrigation Project.

(b) Government of Orissa has scheduled to complete all breach closing works by June 15, 1995 and propose to take up other renovation works after November, 1995, subject to availability of funds.

(c) to (e) Under the existing scheme of financing relief expenditure, Government of Orissa is required to undertake relief and rehabilitation measure in the areas affected by natural calamities. In addition to the normal release of Rs. 8.67 crore during April, 1995 release of two more advance instalments amounting to Rs. 17.35 crore of the Centre's share of Calamity Relief Fund for 1995-96 has been recommended.

Plan to utilise rain water

8490. SHRI J. S. RAJU:
SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN:
SHRI MISA R. GANESAN:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the plans to utilise the rain water and floods;

(b) how far the scheme of joining the flood rivers of the nation is in execution; and